

HIV COMMUNITY PREVENTION SECTION

What we do:

The mission of the HIV Community Prevention Section, within the HIV Education and Prevention Services Branch, is to take a leadership role in the delivery of appropriate HIV education and prevention services through collaboration and partnership with affected and infected communities. Through the community planning process, we empower communities to develop local prevention programs that meet the needs of the communities they serve to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Who we serve:

- Local implementation groups (LIGs) who create the local HIV prevention plan;
- Local health jurisdictions (LHJs), such as counties or cities, who implement the local HIV prevention plan; and
- Subcontractors who provide HIV prevention interventions to individuals at risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV.

What we have done/continuing work:

- Assisted LHJs and LIGs to develop local HIV prevention plans through consultation, HIV plan review, and on-going technical assistance.
- Disburses State and Federal funds for health education/risk-reduction activities in all California LHJs. This is accomplished through contracts with 56 LHJs to implement their prevention plans.
- Instituted an online data collection system to provide real-time information to LHJs and subcontractors regarding the effectiveness of their HIV education and prevention interventions.
- Support the work of numerous LHJs and subcontractors by developing and offering, free-of-charge training for line staff and supervisors.
- Coordinate and fund conferences that increase participants' knowledge, understanding, and cultural awareness of the individuals and communities they serve.
- Participate in the California HIV/AIDS Planning Group (CHPG), a state-wide planning organization whose membership represents consumers, advocates, service providers, and administrators involved in delivering HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and care services. CHPG develops and presents recommendations to the Office of AIDS (OA) on a variety of HIV/AIDS-related issues.
- Encourage and promote collaboration among organizations providing HIV/AIDS services.



Helpful resources:

- For assistance in planning and program development, visit: www.choicehiv.org.
- For information about CHPG, visit: www.cahivplanninggroup.org.
- For information on OA's mission, programs, and other helpful resources, see Web site: www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS.

For information about HIV/AIDS, call:

- *California AIDS Hotline* at (800) 367-AIDS (2437) (English/Spanish) or (888)225-AIDS (TDD) or visit: www.AIDShotline.org.
- *National AIDS Hotline* at (800) CDC-INFO (232-4636) (English/Spanish), or (888) 232-6348 (TDD).